

NO CONSCRIPTION IN CANADA

No War Tax on Land—Embargo on Shipment of Live Stock Removed.

During the prevalence of the foot-and-mouth disease in some portions of the United States, an embargo was placed upon inter-state shipments. This also had an effect upon shipments to Canada, and necessarily an embargo was placed upon them, making it almost impossible for upwards of a year to ship cattle into Canada, from the United States. This was especially hard on the settler. As a result, Western Canada lost a number of settlers, they being unable to take their live stock with them. Canada is practically free from horse and cattle diseases, and the wish of the authorities is to keep it so.

Recently, though, an order has been issued by the Department of Agriculture, removing the embargo, and settlers are now free to take in the number of head of horses or cattle that are permitted by the Customs authorities and the freight regulations. This will be welcome news to those whose intention it is to move to Canada, taking with them stock that they have had in their possession for six months, and which it is the intention to use on land that they will farm in the Provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan or Alberta.

There are thousands of splendid homesteads of 160 acres each in any of these provinces that may be had upon the payment of a ten-dollar entry fee, and fulfilling the requisite living and cultivation duties. These lands are well adapted to the growing of all the small grains, and besides, having an abundance of grass, and sufficient shelter, they are well adapted to the raising of stock.

If one prepares to purchase land, there could be no better time than the present. Prices are low, and particulars may be had from any of the land companies, of which there are several, or from the Canadian Pacific and Canadian Northern railways, whose holdings are in the older settled districts, and whose terms are exceedingly easy to the settler. What these lands will do in the matter of production cannot be more strongly emphasized than in reading the reports of the crops throughout all parts of the Canadian West in 1915. Yields of 50, 60, and as high as 70 bushels of wheat to the acre were numerous, while reports of yields of from 30 to 45 bushels per acre were common. Oats as high as 120 bushels per acre are reported, 50 and 60 bushels per acre being ordinary. The prices realized by farmers have placed mosh of them on "easy street."

Lately there have appeared articles in a number of United States newspapers to the effect that there was conscription in Canada, or that such a law was likely to be put into effect. We have it from the highest authority in the Dominion that there is no truth in the statement. Sir Robert Borden at the opening of Canadian parliament on January 17th, said:

"In the first few months of the war I clearly stated that there would not be conscription in Canada. I repeat that statement today."

This statement should set at rest the conscription talk that has been so freely used to influence those who may be considering settling in Canada during the war.

It has also been said that there was a war tax on land. Hon. Dr. Roche, Minister of the Interior, over his own signature has denied this, and the premiers of the different provinces join in saying "such a report is absolutely untrue, and has no foundation whatever in fact, nor is there likely ever to be any such tax upon land in Canada."

The general prosperity of Western Canada farmers and business institutions is such that Canada is well able to take care of the extra war expenses without any direct war taxation. This has been well illustrated by the magnificent response to the Dominion Government's recent bond issue, which was more than doubly subscribed for within the first eight hours of its being offered to the public.

(The above appears as an advertisement and is paid for the Dominion Government which authorizes its publication.)

German shippers have never exported 27,562,361 pounds of black and the long sea voyages to the toll charges.

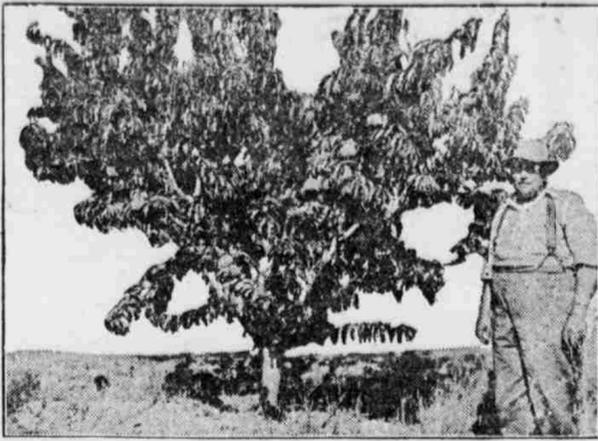
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WINTER AND SUMMER PRUNING RESULTS



Levy Peach Tree, Eight Years Old, Pruned to Develop Strong, Stock Branches and an Open Top.

(By C. D. JARVIS, Connecticut Agricultural College.)

Summer pruning as contrasted with the regular practice is the pruning of trees while in foliage. Its influence upon the tree in many respects is opposite to winter pruning. The latter stimulates wood growth, while the former tends to lessen wood growth.

As a rule, any practice that checks wood growth tends to induce fruitfulness. Growers have taken advantage of this fact for many years. In England the result is attained by root pruning.

The method consists in digging a trench around the tree at some considerable distance and severing some of the roots. This interferes with the food supply and necessarily reduces growth.

In the famous Ozark apple region of Missouri and Arkansas the same result is attained by ringing or girdling the trunk or main branches of the tree, thus checking the downward flow of sap. The roots in this way are partially starved and are, therefore, unable to induce a strong wood growth the following season. The work is done during the growing season and, as a result, the wound soon heals over.

The growers in the Pacific coast region practice summer pruning to check wood growth. A complete or partial defoliation by insects, disease, or spraying injury during the early summer seems to have the same effect. Just why the checking of wood growth should induce the formation of

fruit buds and how it exerts this influence is not well understood. The theory has been advanced that there is some inherent tendency on the part of the tree to reproduce itself before it dies and that when anything interferes with the natural processes the tree prepares for death. This is not a satisfactory explanation and it is hoped that the physiologists may be able to throw some light on the subject in the near future.

I believe that with young trees we should do very little winter pruning and that we should direct the growth largely by summer pruning. The work to be most effective should be done a little each year and at just about the time the tree completes its annual growth.

If done too early it will defeat its aim and produce a strong growth of shoots. If done too late it forces out a soft growth which is likely to be winterkilled. The object of the work at first should be to direct the growth and later to induce fruitfulness. Only strong growing trees should be pruned during the growing season, remembering that it is a devitalizing operation and may easily be overdone.

With regard to bearing apple trees the necessity for summer pruning is less pronounced if not entirely eliminated. Since our mature trees tend to overbear there is no necessity for inducing fruitfulness, and winter pruning would, therefore, be the most logical practice.

PLANT LICE MAY BE KILLED IN SPRING

As Soon as Tender Leaves Begin to Unfold Eggs Hatch—May Be Destroyed in Spring.

(By F. L. WASHBURN, Entomologist, University Farm, St. Paul, Minn.)

Some trees and shrubs are loaded every season with plant lice. On those affected last year one is likely to find now small, black, shiny eggs at the end of twigs. These can be seen on fruit and other trees, various ornamental shrubs, and particularly on the buckthorn. As soon as the tender leaves begin to unfold on this shrub the eggs hatch, and the leaves shortly become loaded with lice.

Why not, therefore, trim hedges and shrubs now, and burn the trimmings, burn as well all prunings of fruit trees? It is very well known that plant lice increase at a tremendous rate when once started, therefore each egg destroyed now means the death of hundreds of lice and the consequent lessening of the work of spraying later.

PAINTING OF SMALL WOUNDS IS USELESS

Experiments Show That Practice Is Sometimes Detrimental, Particularly to Peaches.

(By R. A. MCGINTY, Colorado Agricultural College, Fort Collins, Colo.)

It has long been the custom for horticulturists to recommend, and fruit growers to use, dressings of various kinds on the wounds of trees when branches are removed in pruning. A few years ago the New York experiment station decided to conduct some experiments to determine whether such practice was really of any value or not.

From results of this work, which have recently been published in bulletin form, it is concluded that the use of white lead, white zinc, yellow ochre, coal tar, shellac, and avarian carballum as coverings for wounds under five inches in diameter is not only useless, but usually detrimental to the tree. This is particularly true of peaches, and perhaps of other stone fruits, which, according to recommendations, should never be treated at all.

The substance mentioned often injure the Cambium layer to such an extent that the healing of wounds is greatly retarded. Of the substances experimented with, white lead proved to be the best and is recommended wherever anything is used. But it is not thought worth while to use even white lead for wounds two or

three inches or less in diameter, though it may be advisable to use it on wounds where very large branches have been removed.

On the larger wounds, where much surface is exposed to decay, the white lead will help to keep out moisture and the organisms which cause decay. The small wounds, however, heal so quickly that the evil effects of the covering may more than offset the benefits derived from its use.

FLAVOR AND AROMA DESIRED IN BUTTER

Fundamental Purpose of Ripening Cream—Temperature Determines the Texture.

By the ripening of cream is meant the changes it undergoes from the time of separation until it is added to the churn. Upon these changes depends very largely the quality of butter as regards texture and flavor. The temperature at which cream is held determines the firmness of texture, while the flavor is dependent upon the by-products from the bacterial growth.

The purpose of ripening cream is fundamentally that of giving the butter the desired flavor and aroma, but in addition it increases the ease and efficiency of churning. Cream is ripened in one of two ways:

First, it sours or ripens as a result of the action of bacteria which are normally present in milk and cream, or

Second, it ripens as a result of action of certain kinds of bacteria which are added in what is termed a "starter."—Idaho Experiment Station.

SELECTION OF SITE FOR FRUIT ORCHARD

Peach Buds Are Often Killed or Blossoms Injured by Frost in Many Low Places.

It is a well-recognized fact, though one too often overlooked in selecting sites for orchards, that cold air settles to the lower levels.

For this reason it is often colder at the lower elevations than it is at higher points in the same locality. This is what is meant by "atmospheric drainage."

The occurrence of frost in low places when there is none on elevated areas is thus explained.

For the same reason peach buds are often winterkilled or the blossoms are injured by frost in the spring in low places when nearby orchards on higher elevations are injured much less, or even escape entirely.

PUT SQUARELY UP TO HIM

Most Excellent Reason Why Man Henceforth Should Take an "Interest in the Firm."

Colonel Ross boasts of the fact that he never forgets an acquaintance. His walks downtown are always punctuated with handshakes and an inquiry regarding business, health, wife, children, or what not. Unerringly he touches the right chord, and leaves the acquaintance with the feeling that however indifferent the world may be to him and his affairs, the colonel is his friend.

A few days ago Colonel Ross met a friend.

After a cordial handshake and "How are you?" the colonel said, "Where are you working now, Dan?"

"At the shop."

"Same old place?"

"Yes, I got an interest now."

"An interest? Well, that's nice! Since when?" and the colonel shook his friend's hand vigorously.

"Since Saturday. The boss told me I'd have to take an interest in the place or quit."—Indianapolis News.

A GRATEFUL ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

Mr. F. C. Case of Welcome Lake, Pa., writes: "I suffered with Backache and Kidney Trouble. My head ached, my sleep was broken and unrefreshing. I felt heavy and sleepy after meals, was always nervous and tired, had a bitter taste in my mouth, was dizzy, had floating specks before my eyes, was always thirsty, had a dragging sensation across my loins, difficulty in collecting my thoughts and was troubled with shortness of breath. Dodds Kidney Pills have cured me of these complaints. You are at liberty to publish this letter for the benefit of any sufferer who doubts the merit of Dodds Kidney Pills."



Dodds Kidney Pills, 50c. per box at your dealer or Dodds Medicine Co., Buffalo, N. Y. Dodds Dyspepsia Tablets for indigestion have been proved. 50c. per box.—Adv.

The Optimist.

Charles F. Murphy, the Tammany leader, praising optimism, said:

"When I am looking for cheery, bracing optimism, I often think of the street musician playing 'Christians Awake' on a cornet in the midst of a driving snowstorm on Christmas day."

"The snow fell, the wind blew, and the musician, standing in a deep drift, tooted away when a lady passed."

"The man looked down at his shabby attire and said to himself proudly and optimistically:

"How lucky it's only my shoes that's full of holes. They don't show at all in this deep snow."—Washington Star.

What Did He Expect?

For nearly an hour the salesman had been dilating on the marvels of the motor car he was trying to sell.

"And the price of the car is \$750," the customer murmured thoughtfully. "Does that include everything?"

"Yes—oh, no, of course, the lamps are extra."

"Lamps extra!" said the customer sharply. "But they are shown in the illustration."

"My dear sir, so is a very beautiful woman," said the salesman smoothly; "but we do not give a lady with every car!"

A mail and express auto, traversing the wilds of Colorado has a bullet-proof cage in the rear for valuable.

When a young rooster gets a comb he reaches the height of his ambition.

REPRIEVE FOR THE BIRDS

War in Europe Has Meant That Feathered Creatures Have a Chance to Increase and Multiply.

While men are destroying each other in Europe, they are giving the wild creatures a respite. This is not philanthropy, but business—war business. Anyone who can point a gun must aim it at the enemy. But the effect on the birds is all that the most ardent Audubon society could desire.

France has prohibited all hunting and the sale of native game. Ordinarily, more than 1,000 tons of such game, nearly all birds, are sold in French markets, not to mention the quantity consumed by the hunters. Two million pounds of birds represent a pretty heavy slaughter, and the absence of this destruction will help to re-people the woods and fields with feathered folk. Belgium, in normal times, exports more than 50,000 skylarks for food. Since most of these are trapped, it may be that the destruction is not greatly lessened in some parts of the country, but in or near the war zone birds are immune.

The War Spirit.

A British diplomat was praising the cheerful and devoted spirit wherewith the women of Britain are doing their share of war work.

"There is a story that illustrates this fine spirit," said he.

"A man asked his next-door neighbor in an English town:

"Anybody ill in your house? I heard a lot of frantic running up and down stairs last night. It seemed to go on pretty much all evening."

"Here, by the way, I'd better explain that an English bus has a double deck like the New York bus of Broadway and of Fifth avenue."

"The other man said in answer to his friend:

"Oh, no, we've got nobody sick. It was just my wife you heard. You see, she's taken a job as bus conductor and last night she thought she'd have a bit of practice running up the steps."—Washington Star.

Fashions Set by Soldiers.

Alexander the Great is said to be responsible for men shaving their faces, the Baltimore Sun observes. When his phalanx swept into Asia the beards of his soldiers were found to be a source of danger to themselves.

In hand to hand encounters with the enemy the latter were found to possess too great an advantage in being able to grasp the beard. As a matter of military necessity Alexander ordered all his fighting men to shave.

Today in the trenches of Europe soldiers are permitting their beards to grow as a protection against cold—again a necessity of war—and doubtless the wearing of beards will be very generally revived in consequence.

Calm Slowbender.

Slowbender is a calm man, not easily upset. On one occasion as his motor car had come to a sudden stop he crawled underneath it to see what was the matter.

Somehow or other some petrol ignited. A fierce burst of flame and smoke came forth, enveloping Slowbender. In the midst of the excitement he walked to one side with his usual slow and regular step. His face was black, his eyebrows and eyelashes were singed, and what was left of his hair and beard was a sight to behold.

Someone brought a mirror, and he had a look at himself. As usual, however, he took matters philosophically.

"Well," he said, slowly and deliberately, "I was needing a shave and my hair cut, anyway."

A Whale Market.

Jonah complained.

"We are always advised to buy at the bottom, but there is nothing for sale," he cried.

IS CHILD CROSS, FEVERISH, SICK

Look, Mother! If tongue is coated, give "California Syrup of Figs."

Children love this "fruit laxative," and nothing else cleanses the tender stomach, liver and bowels so nicely.

A child simply will not stop playing to empty the bowels, and the result is they become tightly clogged with waste, liver gets sluggish, stomach sour, then your little one becomes cross, half-sick, feverish, don't eat, sleep or act naturally, breath is bad, system full of cold, has sore throat, stomach-ache or diarrhoea. Listen, Mother! See if tongue is coated, then give a teaspoonful of "California Syrup of Figs," and in a few hours all the constipated waste, sour bile and undigested food passes out of the system, and you have a well child again.

Millions of mothers give "California Syrup of Figs" because it is perfectly harmless; children love it, and it never fails to act on the stomach, liver and bowels.

Ask at the store for a 50-cent bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which has full directions for babies, children of all ages and for grown-ups plainly printed on the bottle. Adv.

BREAKING THE NEWS GENTLY

How the News of a Fire at His Home Came to the Man Who Was Most Interested.

In Liverpool there is a man famous for his calmness on every occasion. One day he strolled leisurely into the office of a friend.

"I've just had a chat with your wife," he began.

"Why, I didn't know she was in town."

"Oh, she wasn't in town," replied the other. "I called at your house."

"I didn't know she was receiving today," said the husband, with some surprise. "I thought she had a headache."

"She didn't mention it to me," said the calm man. "There was quite a crowd at the house."

"A crowd!" echoed the husband. "Yes," went on the calm man. "They came with the fire engine."

"The fire engine!" gasped the husband.

"Oh, it's all right," went on the calm man. "It's all right now. It wasn't much of a fire, but I thought you'd like to know of it."—Pearson's Weekly.

Grim Prophecy on an Egg.

"The end of time—1915." These words appear plainly on an egg laid by a little white leghorn belonging to James Francis of McKees Rocks.

The letters of the prophecy are in dead white, contrasting with the mild or grayish luster of the rest of the shell. They are embossed, standing out noticeably. They could be read by the fingers of the educated sightless.

As to how they came on the egg shell, the problem is too much for many who have tackled it, and those who believe that even a hen is not too humble an instrument for great revelations to date have the best of the argument.—Pittsburgh Dispatch to the Philadelphia Record.

The Other Groundhog.

Knicker—What were you wondering?

Bocker—Whether the pork barrel saw its shadow.

Less Reason to Be.

Father—Aren't you sorry now that you hit Willie Jones?

Bobby—I ain't half as sorry as he is.

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